

# Minnesota Labor Market Review

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November 1993 Data

## State Unemployment Rate Drops to Lowest in Three Years

Minnesota's unemployment rate dropped to 4 percent in November from 4.4 percent in October.

Minnesota's unemployment rate continues to be 2 percentage points below the nation's, reaching its lowest level since November of 1990. This is the result of our maintaining stability and confidence through difficult economic times, which has resulted in a climate conducive to job creation and retention.

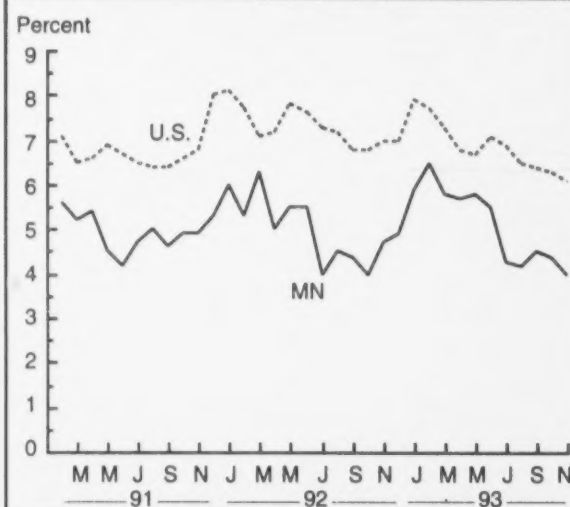
Minnesota's monthly decrease is larger than the corresponding decline in the U. S. rate which went to 6.1 percent in November from 6.3 percent in October. Compared to a year ago, both rates have declined by 0.9 percentage points, from 4.9 percent for Minnesota and 7.0 percent for the nation.

Seasonally adjusted, Minnesota's unemployment rate in November was 4.4 percent, down from 5.1 percent in October and from 5.2 percent a year ago. The U. S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has also experienced a strong decrease to 6.4 percent in November, down from 6.8 percent in October and 7.3 percent a year ago.

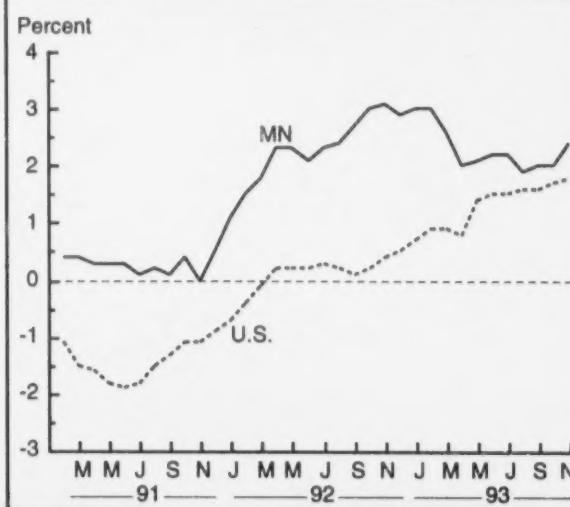
From a separate monthly survey of employers, there was an increase of 2,600 nonfarm wage and salary jobs in November compared to October. This is considerably better than the average decrease of 1,900 jobs that has occurred between these two months over the past five years. The largest increases were in retail trade, up 4,800 jobs, and local government, up 5,900 jobs. Most declines were seasonal in nature as jobs in construction, food processing, and amusement and recreation services are reduced during the winter months. On a seasonally adjusted basis, Minnesota's nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased by 0.4 percent, twice the 0.2 percent increase for the nation.

The number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Minnesota was up 54,300 from a year ago. This is over 25 percent greater than the five-year average November gain of 42,700. The state's 2.4 percent increase from last year compares to a 1.8 percent increase nationally. Minnesota continues to

**Monthly Unemployment Rate: U.S. and MN  
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)**



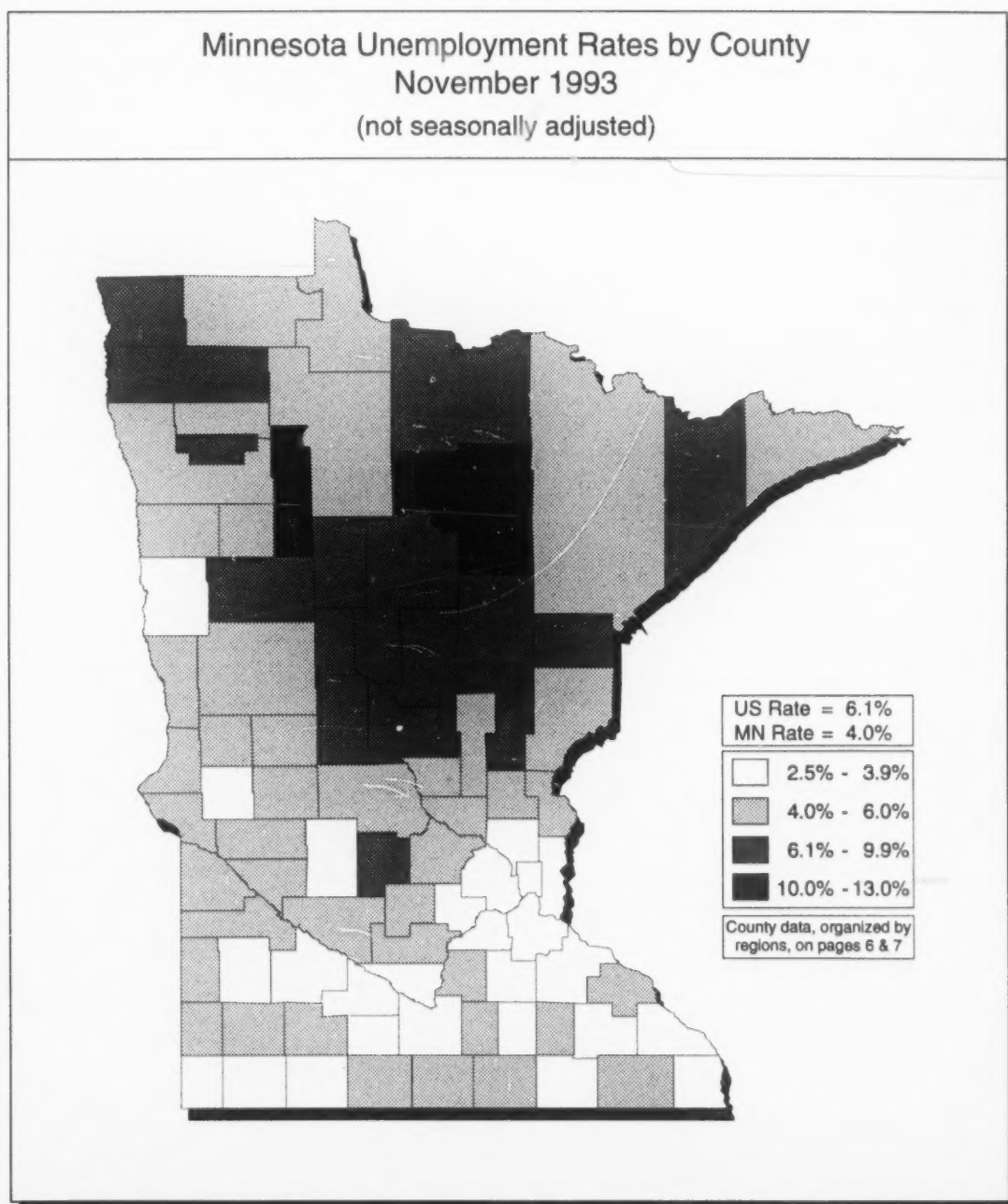
**Total Nonfarm Jobs, U.S. and MN  
Percent Change From Year Ago**



outperform the nation in many of the major industry groups. The largest percentage gains, at 5.1 percent, occurred in construction, up 4,100 jobs, and finance, insurance, and real estate, up 6,600 jobs. The services industries had a 4.6 percent increase, adding 27,900 jobs from a year ago. Business, health, and social services each added over 4,000 jobs while fabricated metals manufacturing, instruments and related products, and air transportation each have lost over 1,000 jobs during the past year.

Metropolitan area job growth over the past year was:

|                      |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| St. Cloud            | Up 3,100 jobs or 3.5 percent |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul | Up 29,000 jobs or 2 percent  |
| Rochester            | Up 400 jobs or 0.5 percent   |
| Duluth-Superior      | Up less than 100 jobs        |



# Employer Survey of Minnesota Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

| Industry                                  | Jobs*<br>(thousands) |             |             | Percent Change<br>From |             | Production Workers Hours & Earnings**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |             |                         |             |                            |             |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
|                                           | Nov<br>1993          | Oct<br>1993 | Nov<br>1992 | Oct<br>1993            | Nov<br>1992 | Average Weekly<br>Earnings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |             | Average Weekly<br>Hours |             | Average Hourly<br>Earnings |             |
|                                           |                      |             |             |                        |             | Nov<br>1993                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Nov<br>1992 | Nov<br>1993             | Nov<br>1992 | Nov<br>1993                | Nov<br>1992 |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY</b>      | 2,285.9              | 2,283.3     | 2,231.6     | 0.1                    | 2.4         | ---                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ---         | ---                     | ---         | ---                        | ---         |
| <b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>                    | 490.7                | 497.9       | 485.1       | -1.5                   | 1.1         | ---                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ---         | ---                     | ---         | ---                        | ---         |
| Mining                                    | 7.4                  | 7.6         | 7.6         | -3.3                   | -2.3        | 714.86                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 664.76      | 44.1                    | 42.1        | 16.21                      | 15.79       |
| Metal Mining                              | 5.5                  | 5.5         | 5.8         | -1.1                   | -5.2        | 728.19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 691.39      | 43.5                    | 41.5        | 16.74                      | 16.66       |
| Construction                              | 84.1                 | 88.8        | 80.1        | -5.3                   | 5.1         | 718.40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 689.63      | 39.3                    | 38.7        | 18.28                      | 17.82       |
| Manufacturing                             | 399.2                | 401.5       | 397.5       | -0.6                   | 0.4         | 513.77                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 496.87      | 41.5                    | 41.2        | 12.38                      | 12.06       |
| Durable Goods                             | 224.3                | 224.6       | 224.8       | -0.1                   | -0.2        | 528.36                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 504.71      | 41.9                    | 41.1        | 12.61                      | 12.28       |
| Lumber, Wood, and Furniture               | 23.0                 | 23.3        | 22.6        | -1.4                   | 1.5         | 527.63                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 504.62      | 39.2                    | 38.2        | 13.46                      | 13.21       |
| Stone, Clay and Glass Products            | 8.0                  | 8.3         | 7.8         | -3.3                   | 2.3         | 607.20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 543.26      | 46.6                    | 43.6        | 13.03                      | 12.46       |
| Primary Metals                            | 6.1                  | 6.1         | 5.9         | 0.3                    | 3.9         | 573.77                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 522.91      | 43.5                    | 41.6        | 13.19                      | 12.57       |
| Fabricated Metals                         | 30.3                 | 30.5        | 32.1        | -0.6                   | -5.5        | 569.21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 551.46      | 41.7                    | 42.0        | 13.65                      | 13.13       |
| Industrial Machinery and Equipment        | 72.9                 | 72.9        | 72.7        | 0.0                    | 0.3         | 585.23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 561.50      | 42.5                    | 41.5        | 13.77                      | 13.53       |
| Computer and Office Equipment             | 29.7                 | 29.7        | 30.8        | -0.1                   | -3.7        | 691.76                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 646.93      | 43.1                    | 43.1        | 16.05                      | 15.01       |
| Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment   | 30.3                 | 30.3        | 30.4        | 0.1                    | -0.3        | 420.65                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 420.16      | 40.8                    | 42.1        | 10.31                      | 9.98        |
| Transportation Equipment                  | 12.2                 | 12.0        | 11.4        | 1.4                    | 7.1         | 542.87                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 477.30      | 44.1                    | 38.9        | 12.31                      | 12.27       |
| Instruments and Related Products          | 32.9                 | 32.8        | 34.3        | 0.0                    | -4.2        | 476.40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 457.85      | 41.9                    | 41.1        | 11.37                      | 11.14       |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries    | 8.6                  | 8.3         | 7.6         | 3.4                    | 13.2        | 430.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 429.71      | 40.0                    | 40.5        | 10.75                      | 10.61       |
| Non-durable Goods                         | 174.9                | 176.9       | 172.7       | -1.1                   | 1.3         | 497.31                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 486.51      | 41.1                    | 41.3        | 12.10                      | 11.78       |
| Food and Beverage Products                | 51.0                 | 53.5        | 50.4        | -4.6                   | 1.3         | 453.05                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 448.59      | 42.5                    | 43.3        | 10.66                      | 10.36       |
| Textile Mill Products and Apparel         | 5.2                  | 5.2         | 4.9         | -0.8                   | 4.8         | 346.42                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 322.71      | 39.5                    | 37.7        | 8.77                       | 8.56        |
| Paper and Allied Products                 | 32.9                 | 33.0        | 33.3        | -0.2                   | -1.1        | 620.17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 606.52      | 41.4                    | 41.8        | 14.98                      | 14.51       |
| Printing and Publishing                   | 53.7                 | 53.3        | 53.1        | 0.9                    | 1.2         | 473.94                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 461.62      | 38.5                    | 38.5        | 12.31                      | 11.99       |
| Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products     | 12.7                 | 12.7        | 12.7        | -0.1                   | -0.1        | 686.87                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 652.18      | 43.5                    | 43.8        | 15.79                      | 14.89       |
| Rubber, Plastics and Leather Products     | 19.3                 | 19.2        | 18.3        | 0.8                    | 5.7         | 454.62                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 443.31      | 41.9                    | 41.2        | 10.85                      | 10.76       |
| <b>SERVICE PRODUCING</b>                  | 1,795.2              | 1,785.4     | 1,746.5     | 0.6                    | 2.8         | ---                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ---         | ---                     | ---         | ---                        | ---         |
| Transportation, Comm., and Utilities      | 109.4                | 109.6       | 110.1       | -0.2                   | -0.6        | ---                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ---         | ---                     | ---         | ---                        | ---         |
| Transportation                            | 74.9                 | 75.0        | 75.4        | -0.2                   | -0.7        | ---                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ---         | ---                     | ---         | ---                        | ---         |
| Trucking and Warehousing                  | 28.2                 | 28.0        | 27.6        | 0.7                    | 2.1         | 434.70                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 415.16      | 37.8                    | 34.8        | 11.50                      | 11.93       |
| Communications and Utilities              | 34.5                 | 34.6        | 34.7        | -0.2                   | -0.4        | 686.21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 670.68      | 38.4                    | 37.7        | 17.87                      | 17.79       |
| Trade                                     | 546.8                | 541.9       | 539.5       | 0.9                    | 1.4         | 275.50                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 264.19      | 29.0                    | 29.0        | 9.50                       | 9.11        |
| Wholesale Trade                           | 134.7                | 134.5       | 132.5       | 0.1                    | 1.6         | 471.39                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 453.89      | 38.2                    | 38.4        | 12.34                      | 11.82       |
| Retail Trade                              | 412.2                | 407.4       | 407.0       | 1.2                    | 1.3         | 216.67                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 207.77      | 26.2                    | 26.2        | 8.27                       | 7.93        |
| Building Materials and Garden Supplies    | 17.0                 | 17.1        | 17.9        | -0.6                   | -5.3        | 364.14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 335.30      | 34.0                    | 33.1        | 10.71                      | 10.13       |
| General Merchandise Stores                | 62.2                 | 58.9        | 62.5        | 5.6                    | -0.6        | 217.31                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 200.47      | 27.3                    | 25.9        | 7.96                       | 7.74        |
| Food Stores                               | 55.5                 | 55.2        | 55.7        | 0.6                    | -0.4        | 256.22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 258.91      | 28.5                    | 28.8        | 8.99                       | 8.99        |
| Automotive Dealers & Service Stations     | 44.5                 | 44.2        | 43.3        | 0.5                    | 2.6         | 333.45                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 321.43      | 34.2                    | 34.6        | 9.75                       | 9.29        |
| Apparel and Accessories Stores            | 21.0                 | 20.1        | 20.1        | 4.3                    | 4.7         | 147.55                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 128.13      | 23.2                    | 20.7        | 6.36                       | 6.19        |
| Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores    | 16.5                 | 16.2        | 15.0        | 2.2                    | 10.0        | 332.66                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 291.34      | 33.4                    | 30.7        | 9.96                       | 9.49        |
| Eating and Drinking Places                | 137.0                | 138.6       | 135.0       | -1.2                   | 1.4         | 134.79                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 131.44      | 20.3                    | 21.2        | 6.64                       | 6.20        |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE) | 137.2                | 136.8       | 130.5       | 0.3                    | 5.1         | Note: Not all industry sub-groups are shown for every major industry category.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Finance                                   | 61.9                 | 61.5        | 58.3        | 0.6                    | 6.2         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Insurance                                 | 51.9                 | 51.7        | 49.7        | 0.4                    | 4.4         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Real Estate                               | 23.4                 | 23.6        | 22.6        | -1.0                   | 3.8         | * Totals may not add because of rounding.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Services                                  | 633.5                | 635.4       | 605.6       | -0.3                   | 4.6         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Personal Services                         | 24.9                 | 24.8        | 24.5        | 0.7                    | 2.0         | ** Average earnings data are on a "gross" basis and are derived from reports of payroll for full-time and part-time production or non-supervisory workers. The payroll is reported before deductions of any kind. Bonuses, retroactive pay, tips, payment in kind, and "fringe benefits" are excluded. |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Business Service                          | 119.0                | 119.1       | 110.2       | -0.1                   | 8.0         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Automotive and Misc. Repair Services      | 23.9                 | 23.7        | 23.3        | 0.6                    | 2.3         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Health Services                           | 185.6                | 185.3       | 180.3       | 0.2                    | 3.0         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Nursing and Personal Care Facilities      | 47.1                 | 46.9        | 46.4        | 0.3                    | 1.5         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Hospitals                                 | 56.7                 | 56.6        | 56.6        | 0.2                    | 0.3         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Legal Services                            | 16.2                 | 16.1        | 16.0        | 0.3                    | 1.0         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Private Educational Services              | 36.4                 | 35.9        | 35.6        | 1.4                    | 2.2         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Government                                | 368.3                | 361.6       | 360.8       | 1.9                    | 2.1         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Federal Government                        | 34.5                 | 34.4        | 34.1        | 0.3                    | 1.3         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| State Government                          | 87.2                 | 86.5        | 87.5        | 0.8                    | -0.4        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| State Government Education                | 50.3                 | 49.1        | 50.4        | 2.4                    | -0.3        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Local Government                          | 246.6                | 240.7       | 239.2       | 2.5                    | 3.1         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Local Government Education                | 134.2                | 130.1       | 130.3       | 3.1                    | 3.0         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |             |                            |             |

# Employer Survey of Twin Cities Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

| Industry                                  | Jobs*<br>(thousands) |             |             | Percent Change<br>From |             | Production Workers Hours & Earnings**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |             |                         |             |                            |             |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
|                                           | Nov<br>1993          | Oct<br>1993 | Nov<br>1992 | Oct<br>1993            | Nov<br>1992 | Average Weekly<br>Earnings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |             | Average Weekly<br>Hours |             | Average Hourly<br>Earnings |             |
|                                           |                      |             |             |                        |             | Nov<br>1993                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Nov<br>1992 | Nov<br>1993             | Nov<br>1992 | Nov<br>1993                | Nov<br>1992 |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY</b>      | 1,452.9              | 1,448.1     | 1,423.9     | 0.3                    | 2.0         | ---                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ---         | ---                     | ---         | ---                        | ---         |
| <b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>                    | 306.9                | 309.2       | 307.5       | -0.7                   | -0.2        | ---                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ---         | ---                     | ---         | ---                        | ---         |
| Mining                                    | 0.4                  | 0.4         | 0.5         | -3.4                   | -26.1       | 829.90                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 792.41      | 45.3                    | 45.1        | 18.32                      | 17.57       |
| Construction                              | 49.0                 | 51.1        | 47.8        | -4.2                   | 2.5         | 790.72                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 742.90      | 39.3                    | 38.0        | 20.12                      | 19.55       |
| Manufacturing                             | 257.6                | 257.6       | 259.3       | 0.0                    | -0.7        | 547.87                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 528.60      | 41.6                    | 41.2        | 13.17                      | 12.83       |
| Durable Goods                             | 148.4                | 148.3       | 151.6       | 0.0                    | -2.1        | 566.82                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 541.03      | 42.3                    | 41.3        | 13.40                      | 13.10       |
| Lumber, Wood, and Furniture               | 9.2                  | 9.2         | 8.6         | 0.1                    | 7.0         | 597.53                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 572.18      | 38.6                    | 37.3        | 15.48                      | 15.34       |
| Stone, Clay and Glass Products            | 2.8                  | 2.9         | 2.9         | -3.5                   | -3.9        | 703.42                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 614.76      | 46.4                    | 43.6        | 15.16                      | 14.10       |
| Primary Metals                            | 4.2                  | 4.2         | 4.1         | 0.1                    | 2.3         | 577.26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 528.77      | 43.6                    | 41.8        | 13.24                      | 12.65       |
| Fabricated Metals                         | 22.3                 | 22.5        | 23.8        | -0.8                   | -6.6        | 611.74                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 583.67      | 41.7                    | 41.9        | 14.67                      | 13.93       |
| Industrial Machinery and Equipment        | 48.8                 | 49.1        | 50.6        | -0.5                   | -3.5        | 610.03                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 596.82      | 42.6                    | 42.0        | 14.32                      | 14.21       |
| Computer and Office Equipment             | 18.4                 | 18.5        | 20.0        | -0.6                   | -8.0        | 682.83                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 677.73      | 40.5                    | 42.2        | 16.86                      | 16.06       |
| Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment   | 19.1                 | 18.9        | 18.8        | 1.0                    | 1.3         | 445.21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 412.00      | 42.2                    | 40.0        | 10.55                      | 10.30       |
| Transportation Equipment                  | 5.8                  | 5.7         | 5.6         | 1.1                    | 3.1         | 704.44                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 636.23      | 44.5                    | 41.1        | 15.83                      | 15.48       |
| Instruments and Related Products          | 30.4                 | 30.3        | 31.7        | 0.1                    | -4.1        | 512.23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 487.30      | 42.9                    | 41.9        | 11.94                      | 11.63       |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries    | 5.8                  | 5.6         | 5.4         | 4.5                    | 7.4         | 495.97                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 491.78      | 41.4                    | 41.5        | 11.98                      | 11.85       |
| Nondurable Goods                          | 109.2                | 109.3       | 107.7       | -0.1                   | 1.4         | 523.81                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 512.11      | 40.7                    | 41.1        | 12.87                      | 12.46       |
| Food and Beverage Products                | 18.2                 | 18.5        | 18.5        | -1.7                   | -1.5        | 542.01                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 531.60      | 44.5                    | 44.3        | 12.18                      | 12.00       |
| Paper and Allied Products                 | 25.8                 | 25.8        | 26.1        | -0.1                   | -1.5        | 570.15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 548.05      | 40.9                    | 41.3        | 13.94                      | 13.27       |
| Printing and Publishing                   | 38.6                 | 38.4        | 37.1        | 0.5                    | 4.0         | 480.95                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 472.85      | 37.9                    | 38.6        | 12.69                      | 12.25       |
| Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products     | 11.1                 | 11.1        | 11.2        | -0.5                   | -1.1        | 733.61                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 682.45      | 44.3                    | 44.2        | 16.56                      | 15.44       |
| Rubber and Misc Plastics Products         | 12.5                 | 12.4        | 12.0        | 0.6                    | 4.4         | 462.48                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 455.67      | 41.0                    | 41.2        | 11.28                      | 11.06       |
| <b>SERVICE PRODUCING</b>                  | 1,146.0              | 1,138.9     | 1,116.4     | 0.6                    | 2.7         | ---                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ---         | ---                     | ---         | ---                        | ---         |
| Transportation, Comm., and Utilities      | 75.6                 | 75.6        | 77.0        | -0.1                   | -1.8        | ---                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ---         | ---                     | ---         | ---                        | ---         |
| Transportation                            | 54.4                 | 54.5        | 55.7        | -0.1                   | -2.2        | ---                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ---         | ---                     | ---         | ---                        | ---         |
| Trucking and Warehousing                  | 17.4                 | 17.3        | 17.4        | 0.5                    | 0.0         | 422.47                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 378.08      | 34.6                    | 29.4        | 12.21                      | 12.86       |
| Communications and Utilities              | 21.2                 | 21.2        | 21.3        | 0.0                    | -0.7        | 658.24                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 658.40      | 37.4                    | 36.7        | 17.60                      | 17.94       |
| Trade                                     | 344.9                | 341.1       | 341.1       | 1.1                    | 1.1         | 306.19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 292.00      | 29.3                    | 29.2        | 10.45                      | 10.00       |
| Wholesale Trade                           | 87.3                 | 87.1        | 87.2        | 0.2                    | 0.0         | 522.73                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 504.74      | 38.1                    | 38.5        | 13.72                      | 13.11       |
| Retail Trade                              | 257.7                | 254.1       | 253.9       | 1.4                    | 1.5         | 239.67                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 225.92      | 26.6                    | 26.3        | 9.01                       | 8.59        |
| Building Materials and Garden Supplies    | 9.2                  | 9.3         | 9.9         | -0.9                   | -7.2        | 443.12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 381.22      | 33.8                    | 30.4        | 13.11                      | 12.54       |
| General Merchandise Stores                | 42.1                 | 40.0        | 42.0        | 5.1                    | 0.1         | 243.07                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 227.53      | 28.1                    | 26.8        | 8.65                       | 8.49        |
| Food Stores                               | 30.2                 | 30.0        | 30.1        | 0.8                    | 0.5         | 288.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 284.10      | 30.0                    | 30.0        | 9.60                       | 9.47        |
| Automotive Dealers & Service Stations     | 25.2                 | 25.0        | 24.6        | 0.7                    | 2.3         | 401.48                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 364.25      | 36.3                    | 36.1        | 11.06                      | 10.09       |
| Apparel and Accessories Stores            | 14.5                 | 13.8        | 13.3        | 4.6                    | 8.4         | 147.38                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 123.52      | 23.1                    | 19.7        | 6.38                       | 6.27        |
| Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores    | 11.7                 | 11.4        | 10.8        | 2.6                    | 8.3         | 362.70                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 333.21      | 30.2                    | 30.1        | 12.01                      | 11.07       |
| Eating and Drinking Places                | 86.4                 | 87.5        | 86.1        | -1.3                   | 0.3         | 151.84                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 148.33      | 20.8                    | 21.1        | 7.30                       | 7.03        |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE) | 107.0                | 106.7       | 101.7       | 0.3                    | 5.2         | <p>Note: Not all industry sub-groups are shown for every major industry category.</p> <p>* Totals may not add because of rounding.</p> <p>** Average earnings data are on a "gross" basis and are derived from reports of payroll for full-time and part-time production or non-supervisory workers. The payroll is reported before deductions of any kind. Bonuses, retroactive pay, tips, payment in kind, and "fringe benefits" are excluded.</p> |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Finance                                   | 45.6                 | 45.3        | 42.4        | 0.7                    | 7.4         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Insurance                                 | 43.3                 | 43.1        | 41.5        | 0.3                    | 4.2         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Real Estate                               | 18.2                 | 18.3        | 17.8        | -0.5                   | 2.2         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Services                                  | 416.1                | 416.9       | 398.4       | -0.2                   | 4.4         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Personal Services                         | 17.1                 | 17.1        | 16.7        | 0.1                    | 2.2         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Business Services                         | 98.8                 | 98.8        | 91.7        | 0.0                    | 7.7         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Automotive and Misc. Repair Services      | 17.2                 | 17.1        | 16.9        | 0.5                    | 2.0         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Health Services                           | 106.6                | 106.6       | 103.4       | 0.0                    | 3.1         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Nursing and Personal Care Facilities      | 24.4                 | 24.4        | 24.4        | -0.3                   | -0.1        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Hospitals                                 | 34.5                 | 34.6        | 34.4        | -0.2                   | 0.4         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Legal Services                            | 13.1                 | 13.0        | 12.9        | 0.1                    | 0.9         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Private Educational Services              | 19.8                 | 19.7        | 19.5        | 0.5                    | 1.6         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Government                                | 202.4                | 198.6       | 198.2       | 1.9                    | 2.1         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Federal Government                        | 21.6                 | 21.6        | 21.5        | 0.2                    | 0.3         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| State Government                          | 56.0                 | 55.3        | 55.8        | 1.4                    | 0.5         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| State Government Education                | 32.4                 | 31.4        | 32.0        | 3.2                    | 1.2         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Local Government                          | 124.8                | 121.8       | 120.9       | 2.5                    | 3.2         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |
| Local Government Education                | 69.0                 | 67.0        | 67.2        | 3.0                    | 2.7         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                         |             |                            |             |

### Employer Survey of St. Cloud MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

| Industry                             | Jobs     |          |          | % Chg. From |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
|                                      | Nov 1993 | Oct 1993 | Nov 1992 | Oct 1993    | Nov 1992 |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary</b> | 91,082   | 90,534   | 87,973   | 0.6         | 3.5      |
| <b>Goods Producing</b>               | 19,653   | 19,979   | 19,254   | -1.6        | 2.1      |
| Construction and Mining              | 4,232    | 4,422    | 4,032    | -4.3        | 5.0      |
| Manufacturing                        | 15,421   | 15,557   | 15,222   | -0.9        | 1.3      |
| Durable Goods                        | 8,565    | 8,636    | 8,422    | -0.8        | 1.7      |
| Nondurable Goods                     | 6,856    | 6,921    | 6,800    | -0.9        | 0.8      |
| <b>Service Producing</b>             | 71,429   | 70,555   | 68,719   | 1.2         | 3.9      |
| Transportation, Comm., and Utilities | 4,250    | 4,290    | 4,177    | -0.9        | 1.7      |
| Trade                                | 27,162   | 26,761   | 25,854   | 1.5         | 5.1      |
| Wholesale Trade                      | 4,722    | 4,714    | 4,288    | 0.2         | 10.1     |
| Retail Trade                         | 22,440   | 22,047   | 21,566   | 1.8         | 4.1      |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate   | 2,855    | 2,844    | 2,702    | 0.4         | 5.7      |
| Services                             | 21,484   | 21,208   | 20,805   | 1.3         | 3.3      |
| Health Services                      | 6,225    | 6,199    | 6,353    | 0.4         | -2.0     |
| Other Services                       | 15,259   | 15,009   | 14,452   | 1.7         | 5.6      |
| Government                           | 15,678   | 15,452   | 15,181   | 1.5         | 3.3      |

### Employer Survey of Rochester MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

| Industry                             | Jobs     |          |          | % Chg. From |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
|                                      | Nov 1993 | Oct 1993 | Nov 1992 | Oct 1993    | Nov 1992 |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary</b> | 69,582   | 69,731   | 69,230   | -0.2        | 0.5      |
| <b>Goods Producing</b>               | 13,731   | 14,217   | 14,500   | -3.4        | -5.3     |
| Construction and Mining              | 2,337    | 2,462    | 2,438    | -5.1        | -4.1     |
| Manufacturing                        | 11,394   | 11,755   | 12,062   | -3.1        | -5.5     |
| Durable Goods                        | 9,318    | 9,355    | 9,821    | -0.4        | -5.1     |
| Nondurable Goods                     | 2,076    | 2,400    | 2,241    | -13.5       | -7.4     |
| <b>Service Producing</b>             | 55,851   | 55,514   | 54,730   | 0.6         | 2.0      |
| Transportation, Comm., and Utilities | 2,147    | 2,145    | 2,178    | 0.1         | -1.4     |
| Trade                                | 14,443   | 14,287   | 14,134   | 1.1         | 2.2      |
| Wholesale Trade                      | 2,057    | 2,079    | 2,023    | -1.1        | 1.7      |
| Retail Trade                         | 12,386   | 12,208   | 12,111   | 1.5         | 2.3      |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate   | 1,861    | 1,862    | 1,745    | -1.1        | 6.6      |
| Services                             | 30,132   | 30,046   | 29,403   | 0.3         | 2.5      |
| Health Services                      | 19,960   | 19,889   | 19,459   | 0.4         | 2.6      |
| Other Services                       | 10,172   | 10,157   | 9,944    | 0.1         | 2.3      |
| Government                           | 7,268    | 7,154    | 7,270    | 1.6         | 0.0      |

### Employer Survey of Duluth and Duluth-Superior MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

| Industry                             | Duluth                     |          |          |             |          | Duluth-Superior MSA |          |          |             |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
|                                      | Jobs                       |          |          | % Chg. From |          | Jobs                |          |          | % Chg. From |          |
|                                      | Nov 1993                   | Oct 1993 | Nov 1992 | Oct 1993    | Nov 1992 | Nov 1993            | Oct 1993 | Nov 1992 | Oct 1993    | Nov 1992 |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary</b> | 51,801                     | 51,702   | 52,429   | 0.2         | -1.2     | 102,327             | 102,229  | 102,281  | 0.1         | 0.0      |
| <b>Goods Producing</b>               | 5,085                      | 5,134    | 5,683    | -1.0        | -10.5    | 17,594              | 17,573   | 17,385   | 0.1         | 1.2      |
| Mining                               | Combined with construction |          |          |             |          | 5,535               | 5,511    | 4,697    | 0.4         | 17.8     |
| Construction                         | 1,529                      | 1,605    | 1,872    | -4.7        | -18.3    | 3,564               | 3,650    | 4,268    | -2.4        | -16.5    |
| Manufacturing                        | 3,556                      | 3,529    | 3,811    | 0.8         | -6.7     | 8,495               | 8,412    | 8,420    | 1.0         | 0.9      |
| Durable Goods                        | 1,319                      | 1,320    | 1,570    | -0.1        | -16.0    | 4,624               | 4,631    | 4,648    | -0.2        | -0.5     |
| Nondurable Goods                     | 2,237                      | 2,209    | 2,241    | 1.3         | -0.2     | 3,871               | 3,781    | 3,772    | 2.4         | 2.6      |
| <b>Service Producing</b>             | 46,716                     | 46,568   | 46,746   | 0.3         | -0.1     | 84,733              | 84,656   | 84,896   | 0.1         | -0.2     |
| Transportation, Comm., and Utilities | 2,950                      | 2,973    | 3,110    | -0.8        | -5.1     | 5,696               | 5,829    | 5,964    | -2.3        | -4.5     |
| Trade                                | 12,883                     | 12,872   | 12,778   | 0.1         | 0.8      | 26,338              | 26,262   | 26,301   | 0.3         | 0.1      |
| Wholesale Trade                      | 2,079                      | 2,071    | 2,132    | 0.4         | -2.5     | 4,241               | 4,221    | 4,233    | 0.5         | 0.2      |
| Retail Trade                         | 10,804                     | 10,801   | 10,646   | 0.0         | 1.5      | 22,097              | 22,041   | 22,068   | 0.3         | 0.1      |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate   | 2,273                      | 2,252    | 2,263    | 0.9         | 0.4      | 3,461               | 3,439    | 3,490    | 0.6         | -0.8     |
| Services                             | 16,127                     | 16,343   | 16,130   | -1.3        | 0.0      | 27,164              | 27,397   | 26,999   | -0.9        | 0.6      |
| Health Services                      | 6,900                      | 6,891    | 6,684    | 0.1         | 3.2      | 11,107              | 11,105   | 10,861   | 0.0         | 2.3      |
| Other Services                       | 9,227                      | 9,452    | 9,446    | -2.4        | -2.3     | 16,057              | 16,292   | 16,138   | -1.4        | -0.5     |
| Government                           | 12,483                     | 12,128   | 12,465   | 2.9         | 0.1      | 22,074              | 21,729   | 22,142   | 1.6         | -0.3     |

### Minnesota Job Growth Ranks Ninth Nationally In November

▲ **Minnesota** continues to generate new jobs at a faster pace than the nation with a 2.4 percent increase from November 1992 to November 1993. The corresponding national rate was 1.8 percent during the same period.

▲ **The Twin Cities** added 29,000 jobs since November 1992, a 2 percent increase. Strong gains in construction, services and finance, insurance and real estate outpaced declines in durable goods manufacturing and transportation.

▲ **St. Cloud** continues to take top honors among the state's metropolitan areas in job growth, with a 3.5 percent annual increase (3,100 jobs). Significant gains occurred in trade (1,300 jobs) and other services (800 jobs).

▲ **In Rochester**, nonagricultural jobs increased 0.5 percent over the year (350 jobs). Solid gains in trade, services and government were offset by the much publicized decreases in manufacturing employment.

▲ **The employer survey** shows the **Duluth-Superior** area to be at the same level it was in November 1992. Mining was up 17.8 percent (840 jobs) from a year ago, while construction dropped 16.5 percent (700 jobs).

# Labor Force Estimates

| County/Area                           | Labor Force |           |           | Employment |           |           | Unemployment |          |          | Rate of Unemployment |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|----------------------|----------|----------|
|                                       | Nov 1993    | Oct 1993  | Nov 1992  | Nov 1993   | Oct 1993  | Nov 1992  | Nov 1993     | Oct 1993 | Nov 1992 | Nov 1993             | Oct 1993 | Nov 1992 |
| <b>United States</b> ('000s)          |             |           |           |            |           |           |              |          |          |                      |          |          |
| (Seasonally adjusted)                 | 128,633     | 128,714   | 127,365   | 120,381    | 119,928   | 118,064   | 8,252        | 8,786    | 9,301    | 6.4                  | 6.8      | 7.3      |
| (Unadjusted)                          | 128,521     | 128,547   | 127,087   | 120,632    | 120,446   | 118,239   | 7,890        | 8,101    | 8,848    | 6.1                  | 6.3      | 7.0      |
| <b>Minnesota</b>                      |             |           |           |            |           |           |              |          |          |                      |          |          |
| (Seasonally adjusted)                 | 2,489,155   | 2,462,021 | 2,445,823 | 2,378,988  | 2,336,863 | 2,317,542 | 110,167      | 125,158  | 128,281  | 4.4                  | 5.1      | 5.2      |
| (Unadjusted)                          | 2,486,409   | 2,477,092 | 2,445,858 | 2,387,540  | 2,367,537 | 2,325,965 | 98,869       | 109,555  | 119,893  | 4.0                  | 4.4      | 4.9      |
| <b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas</b> |             |           |           |            |           |           |              |          |          |                      |          |          |
| Mpls.-St. Paul MSA                    | 1,458,729   | 1,447,499 | 1,435,694 | 1,409,292  | 1,389,364 | 1,374,359 | 49,437       | 58,135   | 61,335   | 3.4                  | 4.0      | 4.3      |
| Duluth-Superior MSA                   | 116,740     | 115,799   | 116,782   | 109,716    | 108,163   | 108,989   | 7,024        | 7,636    | 7,793    | 6.0                  | 6.6      | 6.7      |
| St. Cloud MSA                         | 112,615     | 111,081   | 109,516   | 107,790    | 106,131   | 103,903   | 4,825        | 4,950    | 5,613    | 4.3                  | 4.5      | 5.1      |
| Rochester MSA                         | 67,572      | 67,718    | 66,976    | 65,373     | 64,776    | 64,589    | 2,199        | 2,942    | 2,387    | 3.3                  | 4.3      | 3.6      |
| <b>Region 1</b>                       | 44,325      | 45,028    | 43,913    | 41,854     | 42,865    | 40,866    | 2,471        | 2,163    | 3,047    | 5.6                  | 4.8      | 6.9      |
| Kittson                               | 2,415       | 2,420     | 2,563     | 2,260      | 2,300     | 2,367     | 155          | 120      | 196      | 6.4                  | 5.0      | 7.6      |
| Marshall                              | 4,831       | 4,909     | 4,687     | 4,373      | 4,528     | 4,128     | 458          | 381      | 559      | 9.5                  | 7.8      | 11.9     |
| Norman                                | 3,610       | 3,638     | 3,560     | 3,450      | 3,501     | 3,338     | 160          | 137      | 222      | 4.4                  | 3.8      | 6.2      |
| Pennington                            | 7,443       | 7,504     | 7,072     | 7,098      | 7,125     | 6,616     | 345          | 379      | 456      | 4.6                  | 5.1      | 6.4      |
| Polk                                  | 15,472      | 15,844    | 15,096    | 14,712     | 15,143    | 14,127    | 760          | 701      | 969      | 4.9                  | 4.4      | 6.4      |
| Red Lake                              | 1,616       | 1,619     | 1,619     | 1,480      | 1,486     | 1,397     | 136          | 133      | 222      | 8.4                  | 8.2      | 13.7     |
| Roseau                                | 8,938       | 9,094     | 9,316     | 8,481      | 8,782     | 8,893     | 457          | 312      | 423      | 5.1                  | 3.4      | 4.5      |
| <b>Region 2</b>                       | 36,992      | 36,955    | 35,756    | 34,557     | 34,796    | 32,660    | 2,435        | 2,159    | 3,096    | 6.6                  | 5.8      | 8.7      |
| Beltrami                              | 18,925      | 18,697    | 18,436    | 17,877     | 17,782    | 17,203    | 1,048        | 915      | 1,233    | 5.5                  | 4.9      | 6.7      |
| Clearwater                            | 3,690       | 3,645     | 3,661     | 3,211      | 3,235     | 3,075     | 479          | 410      | 586      | 13.0                 | 11.2     | 16.0     |
| Hubbard                               | 8,112       | 8,511     | 8,142     | 7,532      | 7,973     | 7,235     | 580          | 538      | 907      | 7.1                  | 6.3      | 11.1     |
| Lake of the Woods                     | 1,997       | 2,096     | 2,196     | 1,900      | 1,989     | 2,064     | 97           | 107      | 132      | 4.9                  | 5.1      | 6.0      |
| Mahnomen                              | 4,268       | 4,006     | 3,321     | 4,037      | 3,817     | 3,083     | 231          | 189      | 238      | 5.4                  | 4.7      | 7.2      |
| <b>Region 3</b>                       | 151,876     | 152,630   | 152,187   | 141,722    | 141,335   | 140,123   | 10,154       | 11,295   | 12,064   | 6.7                  | 7.4      | 7.9      |
| Aitkin                                | 6,168       | 6,265     | 5,770     | 5,633      | 5,777     | 5,143     | 535          | 488      | 627      | 8.7                  | 7.8      | 10.9     |
| Carlton                               | 14,262      | 14,442    | 14,311    | 13,378     | 13,486    | 13,179    | 884          | 956      | 1,132    | 6.2                  | 6.6      | 7.9      |
| Cook                                  | 3,317       | 3,561     | 3,306     | 3,164      | 3,443     | 3,118     | 153          | 118      | 188      | 4.6                  | 3.3      | 5.7      |
| Itasca                                | 18,883      | 19,537    | 18,853    | 16,841     | 17,194    | 17,058    | 2,042        | 2,343    | 1,795    | 10.8                 | 12.0     | 9.5      |
| Koochiching                           | 8,461       | 8,618     | 8,749     | 7,834      | 7,952     | 8,002     | 627          | 666      | 747      | 7.4                  | 7.7      | 8.5      |
| Lake                                  | 4,729       | 4,890     | 4,714     | 4,414      | 4,553     | 4,242     | 315          | 337      | 472      | 6.7                  | 6.9      | 10.0     |
| St. Louis                             | 96,056      | 95,317    | 96,484    | 90,458     | 88,930    | 89,381    | 5,598        | 6,387    | 7,103    | 5.8                  | 6.7      | 7.4      |
| City of Duluth                        | 42,107      | 41,831    | 42,589    | 40,324     | 39,642    | 39,843    | 1,783        | 2,189    | 2,746    | 4.2                  | 5.2      | 6.4      |
| Bal of St. Louis Cnty                 | 53,949      | 53,486    | 53,895    | 50,134     | 49,288    | 49,538    | 3,815        | 4,198    | 4,357    | 7.1                  | 7.8      | 8.1      |
| <b>Region 4</b>                       | 103,095     | 102,702   | 102,557   | 98,172     | 98,080    | 96,643    | 4,923        | 4,622    | 5,914    | 4.8                  | 4.5      | 5.8      |
| Becker                                | 13,511      | 13,623    | 13,673    | 12,525     | 12,547    | 12,366    | 986          | 1,076    | 1,307    | 7.3                  | 7.9      | 9.6      |
| Clay                                  | 27,743      | 27,424    | 27,262    | 26,660     | 26,468    | 26,228    | 1,083        | 956      | 1,034    | 3.9                  | 3.5      | 3.8      |
| Douglas                               | 16,717      | 16,424    | 16,399    | 15,978     | 15,718    | 15,497    | 739          | 706      | 902      | 4.4                  | 4.3      | 5.5      |
| Grant                                 | 3,202       | 3,182     | 2,992     | 3,066      | 3,056     | 2,806     | 136          | 126      | 186      | 4.2                  | 4.0      | 6.2      |
| Otter Tail                            | 25,979      | 26,178    | 26,600    | 24,683     | 25,013    | 24,870    | 1,296        | 1,165    | 1,730    | 5.0                  | 4.5      | 6.5      |
| Pope                                  | 4,992       | 4,978     | 4,873     | 4,761      | 4,745     | 4,602     | 231          | 233      | 271      | 4.6                  | 4.7      | 5.6      |
| Stevens                               | 5,339       | 5,375     | 5,385     | 5,137      | 5,222     | 5,138     | 202          | 153      | 247      | 3.8                  | 2.8      | 4.6      |
| Traverse                              | 1,947       | 1,910     | 1,971     | 1,850      | 1,851     | 1,876     | 97           | 59       | 95       | 5.0                  | 3.1      | 4.8      |
| Wilkin                                | 3,665       | 3,608     | 3,402     | 3,512      | 3,460     | 3,260     | 153          | 148      | 142      | 4.2                  | 4.1      | 4.2      |
| <b>Region 5</b>                       | 68,137      | 69,029    | 66,362    | 63,648     | 64,967    | 60,817    | 4,489        | 4,062    | 5,545    | 6.6                  | 5.9      | 8.4      |
| Cass                                  | 10,956      | 11,548    | 9,756     | 10,104     | 10,773    | 8,688     | 852          | 775      | 1,068    | 7.8                  | 6.7      | 10.9     |
| Crow Wing                             | 25,713      | 26,099    | 24,933    | 24,136     | 24,675    | 23,107    | 1,577        | 1,424    | 1,826    | 6.1                  | 5.5      | 7.3      |
| Morrison                              | 15,208      | 15,198    | 15,611    | 14,183     | 14,218    | 14,226    | 1,025        | 980      | 1,385    | 6.7                  | 6.4      | 8.9      |
| Todd                                  | 11,077      | 11,050    | 10,912    | 10,385     | 10,444    | 10,103    | 692          | 606      | 809      | 6.2                  | 5.5      | 7.4      |
| Wadena                                | 5,183       | 5,134     | 5,150     | 4,840      | 4,857     | 4,693     | 343          | 277      | 457      | 6.6                  | 5.4      | 8.9      |
| <b>Region 6E</b>                      | 58,457      | 59,660    | 58,118    | 55,886     | 56,824    | 55,215    | 2,571        | 2,836    | 2,903    | 4.4                  | 4.8      | 5.0      |
| Kandiyohi                             | 22,065      | 21,871    | 21,041    | 21,264     | 21,080    | 20,234    | 801          | 791      | 807      | 3.6                  | 3.6      | 3.8      |
| McLeod                                | 18,531      | 19,521    | 17,831    | 17,763     | 18,508    | 16,967    | 768          | 1,013    | 864      | 4.1                  | 5.2      | 4.8      |
| Meeker                                | 8,181       | 8,188     | 8,217     | 7,631      | 7,600     | 7,519     | 550          | 588      | 698      | 6.7                  | 7.2      | 8.5      |
| Renville                              | 9,680       | 10,080    | 11,029    | 9,228      | 9,636     | 10,495    | 452          | 444      | 534      | 4.7                  | 4.4      | 4.8      |
| <b>Region 6W</b>                      | 25,497      | 25,359    | 24,580    | 24,227     | 24,308    | 23,337    | 1,270        | 1,051    | 1,243    | 5.0                  | 4.1      | 5.1      |
| Big Stone                             | 2,675       | 2,687     | 2,871     | 2,517      | 2,576     | 2,698     | 158          | 111      | 173      | 5.9                  | 4.1      | 6.0      |
| Chippewa                              | 7,029       | 6,988     | 6,709     | 6,670      | 6,666     | 6,361     | 359          | 322      | 348      | 5.1                  | 4.6      | 5.2      |
| Lac Qui Parle                         | 4,022       | 3,944     | 4,143     | 3,844      | 3,748     | 3,957     | 178          | 196      | 186      | 4.4                  | 5.0      | 4.5      |
| Swift                                 | 5,169       | 5,237     | 4,911     | 4,939      | 4,998     | 4,646     | 230          | 239      | 265      | 4.4                  | 4.6      | 5.4      |
| Yellow Medicine                       | 6,602       | 6,503     | 5,946     | 6,257      | 6,320     | 5,675     | 345          | 183      | 271      | 5.2                  | 2.8      | 4.6      |

# Labor Force Estimates

| County/Area                | Labor Force |           |           | Employment |           |           | Unemployment |          |          | Rate of Unemployment |          |          |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|----------------------|----------|----------|
|                            | Nov 1993    | Oct 1993  | Nov 1992  | Nov 1993   | Oct 1993  | Nov 1992  | Nov 1993     | Oct 1993 | Nov 1992 | Nov 1993             | Oct 1993 | Nov 1992 |
| <b>Region 7E</b>           | 60,769      | 60,492    | 58,357    | 57,358     | 57,058    | 54,193    | 3,411        | 3,434    | 4,164    | 5.6                  | 5.7      | 7.1      |
| Chisago                    | 15,805      | 15,583    | 15,725    | 15,017     | 14,800    | 14,636    | 788          | 783      | 1,089    | 5.0                  | 5.0      | 6.9      |
| Isanti                     | 13,470      | 13,355    | 13,346    | 12,792     | 12,607    | 12,468    | 678          | 748      | 878      | 5.0                  | 5.6      | 6.6      |
| Kanabec                    | 6,095       | 6,109     | 6,027     | 5,556      | 5,562     | 5,454     | 539          | 547      | 573      | 8.8                  | 9.0      | 9.5      |
| Mille Lacs                 | 11,997      | 12,054    | 11,300    | 11,382     | 11,423    | 10,619    | 615          | 631      | 681      | 5.1                  | 5.2      | 6.0      |
| Pine                       | 13,402      | 13,391    | 11,959    | 12,611     | 12,666    | 11,016    | 791          | 725      | 943      | 5.9                  | 5.4      | 7.9      |
| <b>Region 7W</b>           | 150,957     | 148,841   | 147,352   | 144,401    | 142,212   | 139,583   | 6,556        | 6,629    | 7,769    | 4.3                  | 4.5      | 5.3      |
| Benton                     | 18,093      | 17,792    | 17,596    | 17,200     | 16,935    | 16,579    | 893          | 857      | 1,017    | 4.9                  | 4.8      | 5.8      |
| Sherburne                  | 25,017      | 24,683    | 24,408    | 23,832     | 23,465    | 22,972    | 1,185        | 1,218    | 1,436    | 4.7                  | 4.9      | 5.9      |
| Stearns                    | 69,506      | 68,607    | 67,511    | 66,759     | 65,731    | 64,351    | 2,747        | 2,876    | 3,160    | 4.0                  | 4.2      | 4.7      |
| Wright                     | 38,341      | 37,759    | 37,837    | 36,610     | 36,081    | 35,681    | 1,731        | 1,678    | 2,156    | 4.5                  | 4.4      | 5.7      |
| <b>Region 8</b>            | 65,594      | 65,074    | 63,764    | 63,205     | 62,820    | 61,105    | 2,389        | 2,254    | 2,659    | 3.6                  | 3.5      | 4.2      |
| Cottonwood                 | 6,936       | 6,851     | 6,455     | 6,642      | 6,474     | 6,146     | 294          | 377      | 309      | 4.2                  | 5.5      | 4.8      |
| Jackson                    | 5,669       | 5,698     | 5,450     | 5,451      | 5,487     | 5,202     | 218          | 211      | 248      | 3.8                  | 3.7      | 4.6      |
| Lincoln                    | 3,109       | 3,064     | 3,161     | 2,965      | 2,964     | 2,938     | 144          | 100      | 175      | 4.6                  | 3.3      | 5.5      |
| Lyon                       | 14,867      | 14,834    | 13,911    | 14,493     | 14,422    | 13,424    | 374          | 412      | 487      | 2.5                  | 2.8      | 3.5      |
| Murray                     | 4,759       | 4,687     | 4,728     | 4,532      | 4,534     | 4,476     | 227          | 153      | 252      | 4.8                  | 3.3      | 5.3      |
| Nobles                     | 12,295      | 12,040    | 11,998    | 11,859     | 11,692    | 11,575    | 436          | 348      | 423      | 3.5                  | 2.9      | 3.5      |
| Pipestone                  | 5,340       | 5,245     | 5,348     | 5,101      | 5,069     | 5,070     | 239          | 176      | 278      | 4.5                  | 3.4      | 5.2      |
| Redwood                    | 8,087       | 8,112     | 7,973     | 7,776      | 7,796     | 7,638     | 311          | 316      | 335      | 3.8                  | 3.9      | 4.2      |
| Rock                       | 4,532       | 4,543     | 4,740     | 4,386      | 4,382     | 4,588     | 146          | 161      | 152      | 3.2                  | 3.5      | 3.2      |
| <b>Region 9</b>            | 115,712     | 116,361   | 114,782   | 111,312    | 111,685   | 109,568   | 4,400        | 4,676    | 5,214    | 3.8                  | 4.0      | 4.5      |
| Blue Earth                 | 31,711      | 31,178    | 31,348    | 30,853     | 30,328    | 30,273    | 858          | 850      | 1,075    | 2.7                  | 2.7      | 3.4      |
| Brown                      | 14,581      | 14,636    | 14,184    | 14,077     | 14,079    | 13,553    | 504          | 557      | 631      | 3.5                  | 3.8      | 4.4      |
| Faribault                  | 7,592       | 7,980     | 7,608     | 7,205      | 7,582     | 7,169     | 387          | 398      | 439      | 5.1                  | 5.0      | 5.8      |
| Le Sueur                   | 11,289      | 12,246    | 11,276    | 10,643     | 11,569    | 10,392    | 646          | 677      | 884      | 5.7                  | 5.5      | 7.8      |
| Martin                     | 11,354      | 11,423    | 11,599    | 10,792     | 10,750    | 11,068    | 562          | 673      | 531      | 4.9                  | 5.9      | 4.6      |
| Nicollet                   | 16,859      | 16,583    | 16,591    | 16,377     | 16,098    | 16,068    | 482          | 485      | 523      | 2.9                  | 2.9      | 3.2      |
| Sibley                     | 6,319       | 6,436     | 6,430     | 5,984      | 6,068     | 6,049     | 335          | 368      | 381      | 5.3                  | 5.7      | 5.9      |
| Waseca                     | 9,448       | 9,435     | 9,401     | 9,060      | 8,991     | 8,932     | 388          | 444      | 469      | 4.1                  | 4.7      | 5.0      |
| Watsonwan                  | 6,559       | 6,444     | 6,345     | 6,321      | 6,220     | 6,064     | 238          | 224      | 281      | 3.6                  | 3.5      | 4.4      |
| <b>Region 10</b>           | 242,343     | 242,175   | 237,436   | 233,477    | 231,888   | 227,550   | 8,866        | 10,287   | 9,886    | 3.7                  | 4.2      | 4.2      |
| Dodge                      | 8,952       | 8,860     | 8,818     | 8,491      | 8,385     | 8,316     | 461          | 475      | 502      | 5.1                  | 5.4      | 5.7      |
| Fillmore                   | 9,582       | 9,544     | 9,811     | 9,151      | 9,084     | 9,267     | 441          | 460      | 544      | 4.6                  | 4.8      | 5.5      |
| Freeborn                   | 17,057      | 16,944    | 16,799    | 16,064     | 16,014    | 16,036    | 993          | 930      | 763      | 5.8                  | 5.5      | 4.5      |
| Goodhue                    | 25,133      | 25,144    | 24,508    | 24,232     | 24,173    | 23,441    | 901          | 971      | 1,067    | 3.6                  | 3.9      | 4.4      |
| Houston                    | 10,188      | 10,208    | 9,995     | 9,831      | 9,847     | 9,590     | 357          | 361      | 405      | 3.5                  | 3.5      | 4.1      |
| Mower                      | 19,145      | 19,117    | 19,125    | 18,548     | 18,411    | 18,463    | 597          | 706      | 662      | 3.1                  | 3.7      | 3.5      |
| Olmsted                    | 67,572      | 67,718    | 66,976    | 65,373     | 64,776    | 64,589    | 2,199        | 2,942    | 2,387    | 3.3                  | 4.3      | 3.6      |
| City of Rochester          | 45,139      | 45,341    | 44,712    | 43,463     | 43,066    | 42,942    | 1,676        | 2,275    | 1,770    | 3.7                  | 5.0      | 4.0      |
| Rice                       | 29,044      | 29,032    | 28,977    | 28,024     | 27,880    | 27,682    | 1,020        | 1,172    | 1,295    | 3.5                  | 4.0      | 4.5      |
| Steele                     | 17,278      | 17,232    | 16,563    | 16,680     | 16,461    | 15,882    | 598          | 771      | 681      | 3.5                  | 4.5      | 4.1      |
| Wabasha                    | 8,953       | 9,132     | 9,108     | 8,541      | 8,694     | 8,569     | 412          | 438      | 539      | 4.6                  | 4.8      | 5.9      |
| Winona                     | 29,429      | 29,244    | 28,756    | 28,542     | 28,183    | 25,715    | 887          | 1,061    | 1,041    | 3.0                  | 3.6      | 3.9      |
| <b>Region 11</b>           | 1,362,665   | 1,352,784 | 1,340,698 | 1,317,724  | 1,298,694 | 1,284,307 | 44,941       | 54,090   | 56,391   | 3.3                  | 4.0      | 4.2      |
| Anoka                      | 148,881     | 147,655   | 146,473   | 143,268    | 141,199   | 139,635   | 5,613        | 6,456    | 6,838    | 3.8                  | 4.4      | 4.7      |
| Carver                     | 29,263      | 28,954    | 28,853    | 28,482     | 28,071    | 27,760    | 781          | 883      | 1,093    | 2.7                  | 3.0      | 3.8      |
| Dakota                     | 171,241     | 169,798   | 168,841   | 166,227    | 163,826   | 162,011   | 5,014        | 5,972    | 6,830    | 2.9                  | 3.5      | 4.0      |
| Hennepin                   | 620,541     | 616,800   | 609,767   | 599,447    | 590,790   | 584,245   | 21,094       | 26,010   | 25,522   | 3.4                  | 4.2      | 4.2      |
| City of Bloomington        | 55,850      | 55,510    | 55,003    | 54,354     | 53,569    | 52,975    | 1,496        | 1,941    | 2,028    | 2.7                  | 3.5      | 3.7      |
| City of Minneapolis        | 210,150     | 209,190   | 206,299   | 201,948    | 199,032   | 196,827   | 8,202        | 10,158   | 9,472    | 3.9                  | 4.9      | 4.6      |
| Ramsey                     | 272,123     | 270,188   | 267,875   | 263,505    | 259,700   | 256,823   | 8,618        | 10,488   | 11,052   | 3.2                  | 3.9      | 4.1      |
| City of St. Paul           | 144,787     | 143,828   | 142,758   | 139,319    | 137,308   | 135,787   | 5,468        | 6,520    | 6,971    | 3.8                  | 4.5      | 4.9      |
| Scott                      | 34,519      | 34,061    | 34,001    | 33,377     | 32,895    | 32,531    | 1,142        | 1,166    | 1,470    | 3.3                  | 3.4      | 4.3      |
| Washington                 | 86,097      | 85,328    | 84,888    | 83,418     | 82,213    | 81,302    | 2,679        | 3,115    | 3,586    | 3.1                  | 3.7      | 4.2      |
| <b>Wisconsin Counties:</b> |             |           |           |            |           |           |              |          |          |                      |          |          |
| Douglas (Wisc)             | 20,684      | 20,482    | 20,298    | 19,258     | 19,233    | 19,608    | 1,426        | 1,249    | 690      | 6.9                  | 6.1      | 3.4      |
| St. Croix (Wisc)           | 28,449      | 28,018    | 28,087    | 27,149     | 27,181    | 27,267    | 1,300        | 837      | 820      | 4.6                  | 3.0      | 2.9      |



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A total of 1,527 areas in the U.S. have been designated for the year ending September 30, 1994. There are 12 Minnesota counties included:

|            |          |            |
|------------|----------|------------|
| Aitkin     | Kanabec  | Morrison   |
| Cass       | Lake     | Pennington |
| Clearwater | Marshall | Pine       |
| Itasca     | Meeker   | Red Lake   |

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